PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0551-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

er the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

JUN 2 2 2006

We That En

Sheet

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known			
Application Number	10/730,599		
Filing Date	8 December 2003		
First Named Inventor	SHEN, John J.		
Art Unit	1772		
Examiner Name	Coney		
Attorney Docket Number	08200/1200383-1/51		

C	0.4-	D		DOCUMENTS	T 0 0-1
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (7 known)}	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
r	A1	US- 3,554,809	01-12-1971	Craft	
9	A2	^{US-} 4,988,583	01-29-1991	Watkins et al.	
1/	A3	^{US-} 5,108,849	04-28-1992	Watkins et al.	
a	A4	^{US-} 5,300,370	04-05-1994	Washington et al.	
4	A5	US- 5,776,625	07-07-1998	Kaufman et al.	
u	A6	^{US-} 5,981,098	11-09-1999	Vitale	
~	A7	US- 6,099,984	08-08-2000	Rock	
7	A8	. ^{US-} 6,387,558	05-14-2002	Mizuno et al.	
		US-			
		· US-	1		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initiats*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages		
		Country Code ³ "Number ⁴ "Kind Code ⁸ (If known)	MM-DD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁸	
			<u> </u>			_	
						┢	
•						-	
	<u></u>						

Examiner	Δ	Date	
Signature	1) my	Considered	05

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, deficiting or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. The reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Transation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete. Including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.